

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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### **SUBSTITUTE ABSTRACT**

A rubber composition includes  $\alpha,\beta$ -ethylenically unsaturated nitrile-conjugated diene copolymer rubber (A),  $\alpha,\beta$ -ethylenically unsaturated nitrile-conjugated diene copolymer rubber (B), ethylene- $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer rubber (C), and a graft copolymer (D). The graft copolymer (D) is obtained by performing graft copolymerization on a mixture of an aromatic vinyl compound and an  $\alpha,\beta$ -ethylenically unsaturated nitrite monomer with an ethylene-propylene-unconjugated copolymer. A content of structure units of the ethylene-propylene-unconjugated copolymer is 20 to 70 wt%, a ratio of the graft copolymer (D) with respect to 100 parts by weight in total of said rubber (A), rubber (B) and rubber (C) is 1 to 30 parts by weight. A composition ratio of the rubber (A), rubber (B) and rubber (C) is rubber (A): 20 to 79 wt%, rubber (B): 1 to 30 wt%, and rubber (C): 20 to 50 wt%.